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"The question of lapse of contributions towards subsidy does not arise."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know, Sir, whether the scheme of giving grants for the construction of wells will be continued even in the year 1947?"

THE HON. SRI K. R. KARANTH :—"There is a scheme which is now under contemplation by the Government to extend the subsidy to the next year also, but it has not been finally sanctioned yet."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"In view of the poor achievement in the number of wells sunk in the Ceded districts, as furnished in the answer to clause (b) of the question, will the Hon. the Minister find out from the Board of Revenue, why they have not been able to sink more wells?"

THE HON. SRI K. R. KARANTH :—"If I may say so, Sir, it may be probably due to the fact that there has not been sufficient publicity in the matter. Even now, I find that only a few people have taken interest in the matter. When more publicity is given, I expect more people will come forward and more wells will be sunk."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I point out, Sir, that the slow progress in sinking wells is also due to the fact that the subsidy given to the people in these backward and economically poor tracts, is not enough inducement for them to take to digging of wells?"

THE HON. SRI K. R. KARANTH :—"So far as the Ceded districts are concerned, I may say that the subsidy for each well has been increased from Rs. 310 to Rs. 500 in the current year. It is not possible for the Government to give more, because the finances are limited and the schemes are for the whole province."

Irrigation schemes in Rayalaseema.

* 35 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to place on the Table of the House the list of irrigation schemes in Rayalaseema and state—

(*a*) which of them have been completed;

(*b*) which of them have been investigated and ready for execution;

(*c*) which of them are still under consideration and scrutiny;

(*d*) which of them are proposed for investigation; and

(*e*) which of them were investigated and dropped?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTHAVATHSALAM :—"Six lists containing all the particulars are appended." [a]

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I ask the Hon. the Minister for Public Works, whether in respect of schemes mentioned in List VI which were investigated and dropped, they were

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dropped because there was no adequate return from those schemes?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTHAVATHSALAM :—"I want notice, Sir."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—"May I point out to the Hon. the Minister for Public Works that the districts of Chingleput and North Arcot are as bad as the Royalaseema in the matter of irrigation facilities and may I know whether the Government have got any schemes in view for being executed in these two districts."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTHAVATHSALAM :—"The Government have been paying necessary attention to these dry districts and we have got schemes for these two districts also."

Admission into the Agricultural and Veterinary Colleges.

* 36 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications districtwar received for admission into the Agricultural and Veterinary Colleges and the number admitted for each district;

(*b*) whether the Government have framed rules governing these admissions;

(*c*) whether selection committees are constituted for the purpose;

(*d*) whether representation to backward districts is ensured by direction to the selecting authorities;

(*e*) whether there is a great demand for seats in these colleges;

(*f*) if the answer to above is in the affirmative, whether the Government have under consideration proposals to open new Agricultural and Veterinary Colleges located in different regions; and

(*g*) whether the number of candidates trained in existing colleges is enough to meet the needs of the post-war development plans?

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—"(*a*) Statements [a] showing the number of applications received and the number of candidates admitted into the Agricultural Colleges at Coimbatore and Bapatla and the Veterinary College, Madras, during 1946–47, from each district are placed on the Table of the House.

"(*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

"(*c*) No committees are constituted. The principals of the two Agricultural Colleges together make the selection to the Agricultural Colleges. The Principal of Veterinary College makes the selection to that College.

"(*d*) The needs of the backward districts are always borne in mind when making selections to the Agricultural Colleges.

"(*e*) The answer is in the affirmative.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 306–307 infra.